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Employment to Indian refugees from Far East.—
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1	From The Secy to the Hon'ble the Resident F. 54-42/W dated 28th March 42 forwarding a copy of Labour Dept letter dated 17th March 42 re employment for Indian refugees from Burma & Malaya.
A	The lists of refugees who are residents of Indian States or are proceeding to addresses in States will be sent to the I.S.P. direct (vide Para 2 of Rly letter dated 20th Feb. 42). Kind reference is also invited to Para 2 of Rly letter dated 4th March 42
B	a copy of which has been sent to the D.Ms. The present communication is primarily intended for the Govt of Madras. A copy of the Labour Dept letter will be sent to the D.Ms and I.S.P. for information. Awaited for personal and orders whether the setting up of a similar registration office in this State is necessary and the action that may be taken in the matter.
	So far not many refugees seem to have come to Mysore. If registration in respect of any possible refugees is considered necessary, the Director of Labour may perhaps be in charge of this work.
	Chief Secy 30/3/42

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There may be a few cases of this sort which may be dealt with as applications under rule 6 of the Foreigners Order. Under this rule it is provided that an alien leaving India for any destination in India other than a port of registration shall report himself to the nearest foreigners registration officer in Bangalore.

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Law Secretary

No action is now necessary in this connection.

Separate orders have issued about evacuees getting themselves with village patels etc

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The reply to this communication should be addressed to the Secretary to the Resident in Mysore, Bangalore, by designation and not by name.

No. F.54 -42/W.

FROM

THE SECRETARY
TO THE HON'BLE THE RESIDENT IN MYSORE.

To

The Chief Secretary to the Government of
His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore,
Bangalore.

Dated Bangalore, the 28th March *1942.*

28.3.42.

Employment for Indian refugees from Burma and Malaya.

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SIR,

I am directed to forward for the information of the Government of Mysore and for such action as they may consider suitable, a copy of a letter from the Government India, Department of Labour, to all Provincial Governnts and Chief Commissioners, No.TRA1076 dated the 17th rch 1942.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

SECRETARY TO THE RESIDENT.

SECRET

Copy of a letter No.TRA1076 dated the 17th March 1942 from the Government of India, Department of Labour, to all Provincial Governments and Chief Commissioners.

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Indian refugees from Burmah and Malaya.

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I am directed to say that the number of Indian refugees who have arrived in India from Burma and Malaya is already in the neighbourhood of 1,00,000 and that very many more may be expected from Burma. Actio taken by Provincial Governments at the ports and the land frontiers has hitherto been successful in dispersing these people, many of whom have relations to whom they could go or have maintained connections with specific places in India. As the influx increases there will be more and more who will find themselves with neither homes nor means of suppo in India, and even of those who have some permanent place to settle many will be under the necessity of obtaining employment.

2. The Government of India do not consider it desirable that refugees should secure any preferential treatment in the matter of Government employment. Not only might this constitute undue interference with the legitimate claims and prospects of those living permanently in this country but in addition such employment is not likely to be suitab for a large number who will be ill-educated or even illiterate. They feel however that the time is at hand when special facilities for these people to find employment will be urgently needed.

3. Generally speaking it seems desirable -

(a) that a registration office should be established in all provinces concerned and that it should be made known that refugees can register themselves for employment at such office;

(b) that such registration office should direct those who claim to be skilled or semi-skilled workers to the National Service Labour Tribunals who will take steps to get them placed appropriately in industry;

(c) that the registration office should keep in the closest possible touch with employers of labour and should attempt to place refugees in occupations fitted to their previous experience and trainin

4. It is a matter of considerable importance that arrangements should be made as quickly as possible for finding employment for these persons. Circumstances will vary from Province to Province; in some areas it may be possible to institute land development or colonisation schemes, in others it may be possible to add to industrial development. Some of the refugees may furnish suitable material for enrolment in the Civil Pioneer Force.

5. It is not possible for the Government of India to set up any organisation to deal with the matter but the Government of Madras/etc. will no doubt recognise the necessity for establishing an organisation which will deal with this problem on the general lines indicated. India must receive and provide for her nationals who have been driven from xxxxx the homes they have made elsewhere and will also secure the potential value of India's war effort of an increase in technicians and labour.

6. Please inform this Department what steps the Government of Madras/etc. take in this matter.

(7. Certain instructions are being issued by the Defence Departmen with regard to the disposal of dockyard labour and admiralty personnel from Singapore. Those instructions will not affect the arrangements proposed in this letter).

( ) for Bombay only.